

CG Docket No. 03-123, AB VRS

10/11/2007 1:58:35 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to rmash@oakton.edu.

rmash@oakton.edu wrote on 10/11/2007 1:57:53 PM :

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445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Federal Communications Commission,

If my local television station is airing fake TV news -- corporate or government "video news releases" (VNRs) -- I want to know.

That's why I support the FCC's proposed fines for several VNRs that were aired without disclosure. Thank you for taking that first step. But more must be done to ensure the public's right to know.

The Center for Media and Democracy just reported on new instances of VNRs being aired without disclosure. Together with Free Press, CMD has already filed complaints on more than 100 TV stations that passed off VNRs as real news. These stations violated the FCC's sponsorship identification rules and failed to serve the public.

The FCC has not addressed the vast majority of these cases, though it has all the information it needs to act. Station owners and operators have long since proved themselves unable or unwilling to remedy the situation themselves.

The FCC must act on these pending fake news complaints, including the new instances, and clarify VNR disclosure requirements. Please act now to ensure that millions of Americans know fake news when they see it.

Sincerely,

Roberta Nash  
282 Dickens Street  
Northfield, IL 60093

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10/30/2007 7:38:58 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to lynne.carter@gallaudet.edu.

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Lynne.Carter@gallaudet.edu wrote on 10/29/2007 1:53:02 PM :

Please save vrs we need it .. It not fair for hearing people to have all accessibility and it is not our fault that we are deaf... God made us this way so we should all be equal..

RE: CG Docket No. 03-123

Dear Chairman Martin, Commissioners Adelstein, Copps, McDowell, and Tate:

I am a deaf person and I use Video Relay Service (VRS) to communicate. I was appalled to learn that the FCC staff is intent on drastically cutting the VRS rate, and effectively cutting VRS availability for the deaf. Instead of seeking to limit the number of deaf people with VRS access, the FCC should do everything in its power to make VRS available to more deaf people.

I, along with other Deaf individuals, use these services in both my work and personal life. It is an important way in which I/we communicate with both hearing and deaf individuals. I urge you to do everything you can to make VRS service available to the many deaf people who currently do not have access to this vital, life-changing service.

The VRS rate should encourage the VRS providers to:

- Serve more deaf people, not discourage them from reaching out to more deaf people
- Improve service and technology so the mandate of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for functionally equivalent telecommunications services is met

I, along with other deaf individuals, their families and coworkers, depend on VRS and other relay services.

Please stop any VRS program cuts and fulfill the mandate of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to provide deaf people with functionally equivalent telecommunications services.

Thank you.

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10/12/2007 9:33:39 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to kammer1417@comcast.net.

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kammer1417@comcast.net wrote on 10/11/2007 6:58:22 PM :

RE: CG Docket No. 03-123

Dear Chairman Martin, Commissioners Adelstein, Copps, McDowell, and Tate:

I am a parent of a deaf person and we use Video Relay Service (VRS) to communicate. I was appalled to learn that the FCC staffs intent on drastically cutting the VRS rate, and effectively cutting VRS availability for the deaf. Instead of seeking to limit the number of deaf people with VRS access, the FCC should do everything in its power to make VRS available to every deaf person!!

I, along with other families, who have deaf children, use these services in both my work and personal life to communicate with my family member who is hearing impaired. It is an important way in which I/we communicate with him. I urge you to do everything you can to make VRS service available to all the deaf people who currently do not have access to this vital, life-changing service.

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Thank you,  
Kathy Merrill  
35 Garland Ave  
Manchester NH 03103

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aynlowry@yahoo.com wrote on 10/12/2007 8:43:31 PM :

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first step. But more must be done, especially given that the FCC  
has not addressed the vast majority of these cases, even though  
it has all the information it needs to act.

Station owners and operators have long since proved themselves  
unable or unwilling to remedy the situation themselves. So we  
are depending on the FCC to act. Please do so now, and ensure  
that millions of Americans are alerted to fake news when that is  
what is presented to them.

Sincerely,

Pamela Anne Lowry  
834 Neilson St.  
Berkeley, CA 94707

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10/12/2007 5:26:08 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to edwingerber@yahoo.com.

edwingerber@yahoo.com wrote on 10/12/2007 5:25:12 PM :

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Sincerely,

Edwin Gerber  
435 W 119th St, Apt 9M  
New York, NY 10027